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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, PO

SUBJ: AZORES INDEPENDENCE

REF: PONTA DELGADA 478 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR DEC 22 DISCUSSED DECREE LAW ON AUTHONOMY WITH  
SOCIALIST LEADEC (AND FONMIN SEC STATE) MEDEIROS FERREIRA.  
EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE INFORMAL CONTACTS ON MATTER.

2. WE DOUBT THAT DISCUSSIONS WILL RESULT IN ALTERATION OF  
GOVERNMENT POLICY ON AUTONOMY. IN ANY CASE, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT  
GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ANY ACTION ON AZOREAN DEMANDS UNTIL AFTER  
JANUARY 1.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OPINION ON FOLLOWING:

--WE UNDERSTAND AZOREAN MILITARY GOVERNOR AND JUNTA  
PRESIDENT GEN MAGALHAES IS CURRENTLY IN LISBON FOR DISCUS-  
SIONS ON AZOREAN AUTONOMY. IS JUNTA LIKELY TO BRING AUTONOMY  
ISSUE TO HEAD PRIOR TO HIS RETURN?

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--REFTEL INDICATES VIVIEROS AND AZOREAN PPD DEPUTIES--  
AND THEREFORE, PRESUMABLY, JUNTA AS WELL--ARE SATISFIED WITH  
DRAFT ON CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS FOR AUTONOMY. DEC 16 DECREE  
LAW SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES FOR REVISION OF ITS TERMS FOLLOWING  
PROMULGATION OF CONSTITUTION, WHICH SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN LATE  
FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH. HOW LIKELY IS IT THAT AZOREAPS WOULD  
BURN THEIR BRIDGES BY UNILATERAL DECLARATIGN OF INDEPENDENCE  
PRIOR TO PROMULGATION OF CONSTITUTION?  
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